GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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DECLINE IN MARKETING OF COAL OF NECL
BIKASH CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the marketing of coal of North Eastern Coalfields Limited (NECL) is showing declining trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Offtake of coal from North Eastern Coalfieldshas been on the decline in the recent years. Offtake of coal for the last three years in NEC has been as under:-

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	Offtake
1999-2000	8.40
2000-2001	7.70
2001-2002(Prov.)	6.25

(c): The reasons for decline in offtake are non acceptance of coal by Bongaigaon Power Station, less acceptance of coal by regular customers like Hindustan Paper Corporation, Cement Corporation of India, Bokajan, Tea Gardens, brick industry.

(d): The following steps have been taken by NEC to improve the offtake of coal.

i) Regular follow up being made with linked consumers for stepping up intake.
ii) Coal is being offered under Open Sales Scheme.
iii) Regular public notice is being given for booking of coal by rail against sponsorship.